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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

A bill reducing the representation of the South in Congress has been introduced in the House of Representatives. —— House committee has decided not to recommend an appropriation for the Jamestown, Va., exposition. ——The civil service was discussed yesterday in the House of Representatives; in the Senate after a short session an adjournment was taken until Monday. —— A reward is offered for capture of absconding cashier of the bank at Davisboro, Ga. —— Family of four persons murdered and their bodies cremated in their home near Trenton, S. C. —— President Roosevelt has not yet shown his hand in the effort to reduce the South's representation in Congress. —— Panic on the New York Stock Exchange, the shrinkage in values of U. S. Steel stocks aggregated more than $80,000,000. —— Japanese continue the bombardment of Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur; several vessels have been sunk. —— Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was committed to the Tombs prison in New York city, being unable to give bail. —— Russians continue to bombard Japanese positions near Mukden. —— Twelve men killed by an explosion in a coal mine at Burnett, Wash. —— Jury in the trial of Nan Patterson was completed yesterday, and the case for the State was presented. ——Mass meeting of cotton farmers for December 17th called. ——Daring attempt by burglars to rob the Mount Airy bank at Frederick, Md., was unsuccessful; about twenty arrests have been made, among them John Collins, of Wilmington, N. C. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call strong and higher at 3@5 per cent.; cotton was steady at 8c.; flour was dull and lower to sell; wheat—spot irregular, No. 2 red $1.16; corn—spot steady, No. 2, 54c.; oats—spot quoted quiet, mixed, 26@32 pounds, 29@35c.; rosin dull; spirits turpentine easy at 51@51½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 8.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 37, 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 62 degrees; minimum 36 degrees; mean 49 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.07 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday; light to fresh west winds.

Port Almanac—December 9.

Sun Rises	6.58 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 48 M.
High Water at Southport	9.45 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington	12.15 A. M.

President Roosevelt is entitled to all the respect that he deserves from the South.

In Cincinnati a coal man has been arrested for robbing an ice man. He probably thought turn about was fair play.

The treasury department sends out warnings about counterfeit $10 bills. Until the warnings begin to affect the honesty of the $1 bill we are safe.

A contemporary says that wealth is a handicap. We'd like to have one.—Raleigh Post. Yes, it would be a mighty handy cap to wear during a financial storm.

Hurry up, 1904, and wave a farewell to Father Time. You brought us Theodore Roosevelt, 8 cent cotton, and a Sunday Christmas to cap the climax of our woes.

At a recent poultry show in London a Wyandotte Rooster sold for $825. The fellow who received the money can crow over it more than the man who paid the price.

If Minister John Barrett could not have effected the same understanding with Panama as Secretary Taft accomplished, he must be more ornamental than useful in his official position.

President Roosevelt on Tuesday again sent to the Senate the nomination of Dr. William D. Crum for collector of the port at Charleston. He is determined to make Charleston swallow a negro that the Senate has repeatedly refused to confirm. This Roosevelt looks like the same one before taking.

Tom Watson's and Col. Bryan's platforms look alike. "They ought to get together," says an exchange. Well, Tom's doing his best to provoke a mix-up, but the Nebraskan disdainfully refuses to spit on a chip and toss up for "wet or dry" for any kind of a round with the garrulous Georgian.

If anybody suspects that this scribe has formed or expressed any desire, intention, purpose or resolution to quit smoking after December 25th or January 1st, we no not hesitate to state in justice to ourself that no such assumption can be based upon the least scintilla of substantiation.

Lots of Southern newspapers are berating Governor Vardaman for his lack of respectfulness to President Roosevelt. The Governor ought to remember that the campain is over, but, come to think of it, it is hard for him to take "sass" from papers which haven't yet apologized for recently printing horse teeth cartoons of the President and trying to prove that the subject of the cartoons was blackmailing the trusts. "Consistency," etc.

LOCAL DOTS.

—British steamer "Skidby," hence for Bremen Nov. 11th, with cotton cargo, arrived out Tuesday.

—The Mendelssohn Quartette, which is to appear at the Academy tonight, arrived last midnight from the South.

—A family of six negroes at 806 North Sixth street, who were quarantined for smallpox last Sunday, were sent out to the pest house Wednesday.

—A mixed foursome tournament will be played on the Cape Fear Golf Club links Saturday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. Two cups are offered to the winning teams.

—Contractor Glenn has just completed laying the new concrete floor in the basement of the jail. The appearance and sanitary condition of the place is greatly enhanced by the improvement

—The Carnival "pike" was thronged again with sight-seers last night and the best of order prevailed. Several new attractions have been added and the public is appreciating the endeavor to please.

—The STAR has with the compliments of Capt. J. VanB. Metts a valuable little booklet entitled "American Cotton Crop Movements, Average Prices, Consumption, etc." issued by the Orient Insurance Company.

—The alarm of fire from box 111 at 7:50 P. M. yesterday was on account of a slight blaze, caused by sparks from the chimney, on the roof of 608 North Tenth street, owned and occupied by J. H. Whitehead, colored; damage trifling.

—By deed filed for record yesterday George Harriss and wife transferred to Francis M. Harriss, for $75, an undivided one-seventh interest in tract of land containing about 100 acres, on the Wrightsville road, adjoining property of Wm. Conoway and others.

—Only two cases engaged the attention of the Mayor yesterday. Walter Saunders, colored, submitted to an assault upon a negro woman in Wallace's alley and was fined $5 and costs. George Washington, colored, was fined $10 costs for disorderly conduct at Sixth and Castle streets.

—To night the Mendelssohn Quartette, which is the best known organization of its kind on the road, will appear at the Academy in the Lyceum Course, giving one of its delightful concerts. The programme arranged for the occasion is a select and popular one and will be greatly enjoyed by those who hear it.

—The town commissioners of Rockingham, N. C., have notified the saloon men that no saloon will be licensed in that town after the 31st day of December. It is said that the Legislature will be asked to make the county "dry" so that no liquor can be shipped there under the late decision of the Supreme Court.

COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENTS.

New Superintendent Takes Charge Jan. 1st—Overhaul Building Thoroughly.

The County Home Committee of the Board of County Commissioners, composed of Mr. M. W. Divine, chairman, Mr. D. McEachern and Capt. Wm. F. Robertson, was in session at the Court House yesterday morning for several hours, considering arrangements for the change of management under the new system on January 1st, and discussing the contemplated improvements that are to begin within the next few days by Contractor Thad F. Tyler, to whom the award was made by the Commissioners last Monday.

The improvements at the Home will be general and very thorough and the house will be refurnished throughout, as the present furniture and equipment belongs to Mr. M. G. Chadwick, the retiring superintendent, who kept the home under contract for so much per inmate. Mr. F. A. Montgomery, former County Commissioner, will take charge January 1st, upon a salary and part of the net proceeds of the crop on the farm. The new furnishings of the home will be of the best from a substantial, sanitary and hygenic standpoint. Iron bedsteads and mattresses will be furnished and two rooms will be especially fitted up as places of detention for the insane, separate apartments being provided for the races and sexes. Contractor Tyler will complete the repair and repainting of the wood work on the building by Jan. 30th. A new fence will be put around the building and a straight road opened from the Home to the Castle Haynes turnpike.

Chairman McEachern, of the Board of Commissioners, is already at work upon the draft of a bill which he hopes to have passed soon after the Legislature meets, making it legal to work female convicts on the County Home farm and to transfer all other prisoners in jail under conviction to the work house. The new system of operating the Home by a salaried superintendent instead of by contract is expected to work well.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Siwasa—N. C. hams.
Ernest F. Hines Co.—Bananas.
Academy—"The Beauty Doctor."
Wilmington Grocery Co.—Holiday goods.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Four Lots—For sale.
For Sale—Houses and lots.
Lost—Blue setter dog.
W. M. Cumming—For sale.
Notice—New B. & L. stock.
W. M. Cumming—For rent.
Wanted—Lady or gentleman.

FINANCES OF COUNTY.

Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ended December 1st Little Less Than $50,000.

THE STATEMENT YESTERDAY.

Auditing Board of New Hanover in Session During Afternoon—Treasurer Green's Account With Several Funds During the Year.

Exclusive of interest on Court House and road bonds, which is paid out of a sinking fund created for that purpose, it cost a little less than $50,000.00 to run the affairs of New Hanover county for the fiscal year ended Dec. 1st, 1904. These figures appear from the annual statement of bills audited against the county for the period named, the statement having been examined, approved and ordered published as an official advertisement, according to law, at yesterday afternoon's regular monthly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of County Commissioners, to which it was referred at the regular meeting Monday afternoon. The recapitulation is as follows:

Miscellaneous	$413.34
Refunded taxes	89.67
Tax listing	976 65
Tax assessors	194.00
Solicitor	386.50
Jurors	3,551.20
Witnesses	934.05
Sheriff's fees	634.15
Clerk's fees	712 24
County Commissioners	1,472.50
Attorney	350 00
Coroner	291.80
Constable	245.50
Magistrates	159.80
Register of Deeds	403.66
Superintendent of Health	1,200.00
Clerk and Janitor	1,140.00
Election	178.21
Printing, stationery, etc	625 40
Hospital	7,200 00
Outdoor poor	4,904 32
County Home	1,618.80
Jail	2,294 90
Public Buildings	1,727.48
Roads and Bridges	1,285.19
Military	600.00
County Roads	16,421 37
Total	$49,935.73

The statement needs no explanation further than that included in the miscellaneous expenditures of $413.34 was $300 for extra counsel fees in the case of the County vs. Armour Packing Company, which was won in the Supreme Court by the plaintiff.

The Finance Committee, composed of Chairman D. M. McEachern, Capt. W. F. Robertson and Mr. H. L. Vollers, met at three o'clock and besides approval of the annual statement of bills audited during the year, the annual reports of County Treasurer H. McL. Green were also examined, found correct and ordered on file. Treasurer Green's account with the several funds is as follows:

GENERAL COUNTY FUND.

Receipts—Balance on hand, $9,429.92; property tax, $34,672.73; Schedule B tax, $8,484 42; liquor tax, $12,350.00; back tax, 2,345.35; rents, $174 15; court costs and jury tax, $103.35; marriage license, $319.20; cash refunded, bank stock, $31.33. Total, $67,909.45.

Disbursements — Warrants paid, $33,478.89; transferred to road fund by order of Commissioners, $15,000.00; Treasurer's commissions, $1,148.11. Total, $49,627.00. Balance to new fiscal year. $18,282.45.

COUNTY ROAD FUND.

Receipts—Balance on hand, $15,883.45; cash from W. H. Shearin, error in warrant, $30.00; sale of rock, $105.60; cash refunded, $34.00; transferred from General Fuud by order of Commissioners, $15,000.00. Total, $31,053.05.

Disbursements—By warrants paid, $16,416.51; Treasurer's commissions, $207.21. Total, $16,623.72. Balance to new fiscal year, $14,429.33.

SPECIAL COUNTY FUND.

Receipts—Balance on hand, $1,709 71; special tax, $3,902.84. Total, $5,612.55.

Disbursements—By interest coupons on Court House bonds paid, $1,690.00; Treasurer's commissions, $59.88. Total, $1,759.88. Balance to new fiscal year, $3,852.67.

ROAD SINKING FUND.

Receipts—Balance on hand, $3,235.01; special tax, $3,889.86; interest, $35 6.59. Total, $6,481.46.

Disbursements—By coupons paid, $2,250.00; Treasurer's commissions, $80.89. Total, $2,330 89. Balance to new fiscal year, $4,150 57.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT.

The Treasurer's monthly report shows receipts and disbursements during November as follows:

Receipts—General fund, $15,797.49; special county fund, $3,852.67; road fund, $5,663.29; road sinking fund, $4,150.57; order of Commissioners to transfer from General fund to Road fund, $10,000; property tax for 1904, $15,087.34; Schedule B tax, $699.50; jury tax, $3.00; marriage licenses, $29.45; court cost, $2; rents, $23. Total, $55,308.31.

Disbursements—Transfer from General fund to Road fund, $10,000; outdoor poor, $451.10; public buildings, $164.76; Superior Court, $832.17; roads and bridges, $75.75; magistrates, $50.04; jail, $192.60; stationery and advertising, $64.09; County Home, $127.60; Hospital, $600; election, $159.40; Commissioners, $116; Register of Deeds, $39; Superintendent of Health, $100; Constable, $54.75; Clerk, $50; Janitor, $45; roads, $1,233.96; Treasurer's commissions, $237.07. Total, $14,593.39.

Balance to December, $40,715.02, distributed as follows: General fund, $18,282.45; Special fund, $3,852.67; Road fund, $14,429.33; County Road Sinking fund, $4,150.57.

— Shepard's Moving Pictures delighted two good-sized houses at the theatre yesterday matinee and night. The views are well selected and put on with stage embellishment that gives a most realistic effect to the performance.

I will assist you in the selection of your gifts, and enable you to save some money. I have about as a complete line as you can find. J. T. Burke, Jeweler.

— Capt. F. B. Rice, United States Steamboat Inspector, arrived last night from Charleston.

PRIVATE CAR PORTER ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.

Alex. Pearce, Accused of Systematically Robbing Mr. T. M. Emerson's Car, Is Held at Jacksonville, Fla.

An apparently idle threat to get even by one negress toward another who had prosecuted her for disorderly conduct in a down-town magistrate's court a few days ago, was an important factor in the arrest yesterday of Alex. Pearce, colored, of this city, charged with systematically robbing the private car of Mr. T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, aboard which he had been employed for several years as porter. The arrest of the porter was accomplished yesterday morning in Jacksonville, Fla., upon evidence cleverly worked up here by Constable W. B. Savage with the assistance of several Coast Line officials who interested themselves in the case.

Pearce had been suspected of appropriating articles from the car to his own use for some time and Monday when the negro left on the car for a trip South, the opportunity of making a search of his living quarters was taken advantage of. T. W. Davis, Esq., A. C. L. attorney, was given the case and he related the circumstances to Constable Savage, who at once fell upon the clue of the threat he had heard in Justice Fowler's court a few days before. Pearce boarded at the house of a colored woman named Francis Bishop and Willie Stokes, a niece of hers was indicted by Ollie Bell Bishop, a daughter of Francis, for disorderly conduct. At the trial before Justice Fowler Willie Stokes' sister remarked upon her brother's conviction, "Never mind, we will report Ollie Bell for having all that stolen property in her possession." "As soon as Mr. Davis turned the matter over to Constable Savage, the officer at once sought out the Stokes girl and inquired if the negro Pearce did not board at Ollie Bell's house. He was told that he did and Mr. Savage then began plying the girl with questions, which developed not only a probable cause for arresting Pearce for larceny, but the Bishop woman and her son and daughter for receiving stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen. Mr. Savage secured the co-operation of Mr. P. H. Walsh, of the Purchasing Agent's Department, to identify the property, and a few nights ago they made a search of the Bishop woman's house, finding sheets, blankets, pillow cases, a mattress and other articles bearing the laundry mark of Private Cars Nos. 301 and 305, on both of which Pearce had been employed. There was also a lot of silverware in the house which had evidently come from a Pullman car. At the house of a daughter of Francis Bishop other sheets and blankets were found, having the A. C. L. mark, and the arrest of the Bishop woman, John Bishop, her son, and Ollie Bell Bishop, her daughter, immediately followed. They were committed to jail to await the return of Pearce on Mr. Emerson's private car, but in the meantime it was feared that the porter would be communicated with and make his escape, so that a telegram was sent to Jacksonville and Pearce was arrested in that city. Unless the porter refuses to return without requisition papers, he will doubtless reach here Saturday on preliminary trial. He came to the A. C. L. from the Plant system upon the consolidation of the roads and had until now been regarded as very trustworthy.

The preliminary trial of Francis Bishop; her son, John Bishop, and daughter, Ollie Bell Bishop, charged with receiving stolen goods, took place in Justice Fowler's court yesterday, the defendants being represented by Brooke G. Empie, Esq., and the railroad's interest by Thos. W. Davis, Esq. The State introduced Willie Stokes, Maggie Stokes, Etta Pugh, Tom Pugh and Willie Crawford, all colored, who testified to seeing two of the defendants carrying large bundles from Mr. Emerson's car to the Bishop house. Mr. P. H. Walsh, who identified the property; Mr. W. M. Creasy, of the A. C. L., who told of the method of sending out and checking up the laundry from the private cars of the company, and Mr. Edward Wright, manager of the Wilmington Steam Laundry, who testified that A. C. L. marks were put on no laundry except that received through the usual channels. Mr. Bradshaw, a furniture collector, was introduced to prove that the Bishop woman had bought of him two counterpanes similar to those in question. The defendants each went on the stand and said that the mattress and bed clothing from the car was taken by Pearce to go on his own sleeping cot in the house and they knew nothing further of it; that packages they were seen carrying to the house were baskets of "left-over" provisions which they seemed to think were perquisites of the "profession." The defendant Ollie Bell, bashfully admitted that she was "engaged" to the knight of the white apron, the marriage having been set for to night.

After argument by counsel, Justice Fowler bound the children of the household over to the Superior Court under bonds of $50, which they could not give, and the woman was discharged for lack of evidence.

The Pullman or private car porter is the autocrat of colored high life, consequently the trial was largely attended. It lasted from 4 to 6:30 o'clock.

The prices will be according to the quality and quality guaranteed. I am trying to please the public with the best to be had on the market. J. T. Burke, Jeweler.

URGES HOLD COTTON.

W. P. Brown, New Orleans Operator, Issues Open Letter to Planters and Others.

SHOULD BRING TEN CENTS.

Banks of South Should Rally to Assistance of Growers and Help Secure Remunerative Prices—Government Estimate Too Large.

The determination of holders of cotton in the country to sell only at remunerative prices is evidenced by the very small receipts at this port yesterday, only 162 bales having come into sight and a large part of that not having been placed on the market, but stored here for the advance that is confidently expected after the holidays. Last year same date, 2,635 bales were received. There were still no quotations of the local market yesterday. New York spot remained at 8c. for middling but the future market developed considerable strength toward the close.

The following special in the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, received yesterday, was read with a great deal of interest and favorably commented upon in business circles here yesterday:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.—W. P. Brown, the cotton operator, has issued a statement "To Planters, Merchants and Bankers of the South," urging them to hold cotton, and giving his reasons for such advice as follows: "Cotton has declined to a point below the cost of production. Are you going to sell at present prices or hold until you can get the market value for the balance of your holding? The decline is unwarranted. To be conservative, I will say that the balance of this crop should bring at least 10c. at the ports, and, according to my judgment, the only way to obtain an advance is for the planter to keep his cotton on his plantation until the actual demand is sufficient to enable buyers to pay the proper value for the stuff.

"The merchants who are carrying cotton should not force what they have on the market, but stand firm and demand higher prices or not sell. The banks all over the South should stand by the merchants and planters and not force them to sell their cotton at present prices, which they all know are below the cost of production. These prices mean ruin to the South. It affects every branch of trade, and the only thing to do is for all men who are interested in any manner, shape or form to stand together. For the sake of argument admit that the crop is twelve million bales (though I do not believe it is), the consumption at these prices will be at least 11½ million bales, and the other half million bales will be a small quantity to go into mill reserves. The spinners of American cotton throughout the world should at least add, this year, to their depleted stocks half a million to a million bales. The visible supply at the end of the season, in order to prevent 'squeezes' and 'corners,' should be at least one and a quarter million bales. Any well posted cotton man knows that this is practically correct; hence I see no reason for the holders of cotton to get scared and sell at anything like present prices.

"Since the bureaus report was issued on Saturday we have seen a great many telegrams from some of the very best cotton merchants scattered over the South, to the effect that they believed the estimate was too large. I mention this to show you that I am not the only one that thinks the estimate too large. However, it has had the effect of putting middling cotton down to 7⅞c in the New Orleans market. The South went broke raising cotton at 5½ and 6c per pound in 1897-98, and during that period everything was cheap as well as cotton, and the cost of raising cotton was small as compared to the present crop, which is the most expensive one ever grown. It would pay the farmer to sit still and not market another bale of this crop until he can get above 10c and reduce his acreage another season at least 15 per cent, and instead of raising another bumper crop raise only enough to supply the world. The last crop was only ten million bales, and it brought more money than any crop ever raised—much more than this crop will bring, unless the balance left brings much higher prices than those ruling to-day.

"With cotton at 7½c. at the ports, cotton plantations are worth to-day just about half what they were at this time last year. Now every man that is interested in the South, regardless of the character of his business, should be interested in keeping up the price of cotton. Cotton is one of the few things that the world must have, and the South has a monopoly on the territory where it can be grown, yet they won't take advantage of the situation. There are so many things that can be raised in the South profitably, why not turn your attention to other things and raise less cotton? We have been told that we need a 12-million-bale crop this year; and now that you have raised one close to that figure they say you must sell it at a give-away price. Stand together, both merchants, farmers and bankers, and you will come out all right; but if you throw your holdings on the market you may rest assured that the spinner will buy it just as low as he possibly can, and I don't blame him for doing so. It isn't the spinners of the world at this time who are forcing the market down; it is the bear speculators. Spinners in every country of the world; with a few exceptions, are doing the best business in the history of the trade. They can afford to pay from 9c. to 10c. per pound and make a good profit at the present prices goods are bringing.

"The consuming world are in a better position financially to pay higher prices to-day than they have been for a great many years. Low-priced cotton really ought to be a thing of the past. Look at the prices of wheat and corn. We have raised big crops all over the world, with the exception of this year's wheat crop, yet prices are double what they were a few years ago. A 12-million-bale crop is worth 10c., and that ought to be the low price for a great many years to come, and it rests with the producer to say whether or not he will raise more than the requirements of the world and become a pauper, or whether he will raise a moderate crop another season and grow rice. But the present moment is the most important one. Hold firm, stand together, and don't give your cotton away at present prices."

Basket Ball To-Night.

Basket ball teams captained by Messrs. Schulken and Boney will play at the Y. M. C. A. to-night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Dr. C. T. Harper will umpire and an admission of ten cents will be charged. The teams will line-up as follows: Schulken and W. R. Dosher, forwards; Bryant, centre; Hunter and Hancock, guards. Boney's team—Houston and Strosnider, forwards; Sweeney, centre; Boney and Harding, guards.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. P. R. Masten, of Winston, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Mrs. C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

—E. L. Larkins, Esq., and J. T. Bland Esq., of Burgaw, were here yesterday.

— After a pleasant visit to relatives in Richmond, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton and children returned home last night. They were met at Wilson by Capt. Pemberton.

— Miss Belden, who has been visiting the home of her brother, Mr. Arthur W. Belden, of Birmingham, Ala., has returned home, accompanied by Mrs. Belden and little son, Arthur W., Jr., who are guests at the home of Capt. Louis Belden, on North Fourth street.

— Among yesterday's arrivals were: H. E. Wells, Columbia; C. N. Gilbert, Savannah; C. L. Ives, Newbern; Geo. N. Bissette, Nashville, N. C.; W. W. Richardson, North Carolina; C. H. Johnson, Tarboro; Col. W. B. Fort, Pikeville; J. H. Westbrook, North Carolina; J. A. Cavanagh, Wallace; J. D. Barnes, Dunn; A. A. McCrary, Winston, and D. B. Oliver, Pine Level.

"THE BEAUTY DOCTOR."

Big Musical Production at Academy Monday Night—Barlow Minstrels.

The theatrical season will be marked by a red-letter event at the Academy next Monday night when Fred E. Wright's big musical production, "The Beauty Doctor", comes to that theatre. "The Beauty" Doctor" combines a wealth of comedy on the salient points of burlesque of the methods of the modern beauty doctor, and a feast of real good music, and the combination is so well done as to be provocative of much laughter and a great deal of enjoyment. The cast includes a number of well-known comedians who are happily fitted with laughter-provoking roles and the vocal strength of the company is commented on as remarkable for a production of this nature. There are some splendid solo voices in the cast, and the chorus combines vocal strength and good looks in a degree seldom encountered in musical comedy. The stage production is unique and elaborate, and particular attention has been given to the spectacular and lighting features.

The sale of seats commenced at Plummer's this morning.

"The Great Barlow Minstrels"—Mr. Joseph McAnallen, known as the Irish tenor, is again one of the strong cards of "The Great Barlow Minstrels'" first part. He has a beautiful song for the present season in "I'm Longing for the Dear Old Home Again" and "Those Songs My Mother Used to Sing." The olio is said to be one of the best seen in minstrelsy without exception, and at the fall of the curtain the verdict is universally, "I've got my money's worth." This attraction comes to the Academy next Wednesday night.

ELLEN EN REPORT DENIED.

Mr. Elliott Says No Truth in Rumor from New York—Gates Deal.

[*Baltimore Sun, 8th.*]

Mr. Warren G. Elliott, general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and Mr. Michael Jenkins, one of the directors, said yesterday that there was no truth in the report from New York that arrangements are about completed by which the Coast Line will lease the Louisville and Nashville railroad on a guaranteed dividend basis.

The report was circulated in Wall street Tuesday that the details for the lease had been completed, and that it was understood that under the lease the minority stockholders of the Louisville and Nashville would be offered a guaranteed dividend of 7 per cent. Dividends are now paid at the rate of 5 per cent. a year, but recently there has been a substantial advance in the price of the stock and it was persistently reported that the rate is to be increased at the next meeting of the directors.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad is controlled by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company through the ownership of more than a majority of the capital stock. In the spring of 1902 the controlling interest was purchased in the open market by John W. Gates, Edwin Hawley and their associates. They in turn sold the control to J. P. Morgan & Co., receiving, it is said, $130 for a portion of the stock and $150 for the remainder. The profits made by the Gates-Hawley pool is reported to have amounted to between $8,000,000 and $10,000,000. J. P. Morgan & Co., formed a syndicate and sold the stock to the Atlantic Coast Line. The latter company is said to have a desire to simplify its organization, and in New York this is thought to be the reason for its reported intention to lease the Louisville and Nashville.

The Louisville and Nashville controls the Nashville, Chattanooga and Tennessee Railroad Company, and report has it that the latter company is in turn to be leased by the Louisville and Nashville on a 7 per cent basis.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Messrs. C. F. McRae and Thomas D. Meares, Jr., attorneys for petitioner, C. H. Williams, of Roseboro, Sampson county, formerly of the firm of Watson & Williams, merchants at Fayetteville, filed a petition in bankruptcy, in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court here yesterday. The petition was referred to Samuel H. McRae, Esq., referee in bankruptcy, for hearing at 1 o'clock to-day at his office in Fayetteville. The schedule show debts in the sum of $4,721.80 due principally to merchants in the North, with assets of $415. C. M. Watson, the former senior member of the firm, trading as Watson & Williams, was adjudged a bankrupt in 1901.

Bargains in Carpet Department.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.,
The Store That's Always Busy,
No. 9 North Front Street.

Mattings Laid FREE This Week.

Carpets, Rugs and Matting

In order to reduce our bulky stock, such as Carpets, Rugs, Matting, Floor Oil Cloth and Linoleum, before we move to our new store, we offer the following reductions in this department—a saving of one third on many of the items advertised below

Carpets and Rugs.

Our $1.65 Axminster Carpet, heavy grade, new designs, laid for $1.35 per yard.
$1.25 Sultan Velvet Carpet, rich design in Parlor, Hall and Stair patterns, laid, $1.10 per yard.
$1 Tapestry Brussels Carpet, extra quality; for Parlors, per yard.
Handsome Carpet, suitable for Rooms, Halls, etc., at 60c per yard; 10c extra per yard if laid.
25 pieces all wool Ingrain Carpet, 36 in. wide, new designs, laid for 65c per yard.
36 in Hodges Fiber Carpet, will outwear three Mattings, sewed and laid for 58c per yard.
$6.00 extra large Iowa Comforter, $5.40 Satine covered, in Pink, Blue and Green

Mattings and Linoleums.

15c Matting in two colorings, special lot
Extra heavy China Matting, 20c.
Extra quality China Matting, 25c.
Extra quality Japanese Matting, 25c.
Matting Rugs $1.50 and $2 each.
$1.25 Linoleum, 2 yards wide, for Hall, Kitchen and Bath room, $1 per yard.
2 yards wide floor oil cloth, 50c per yard.
2 yards wide Inlaid Linoleum $1.25 per square yard—new patterns.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.,
Sole Agents for W. B. Corsets and Standard Patterns.
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CAROLINA NORTHERN RAILROAD.

Order Consolidating Cases and Special Master Appointed to Examine Affairs.

Raleigh News and Observer, 8th.

On the application of W. C. Miller, of Charleston, S. C., and R. T. Gray, of this city, solicitors for the Guaranty Trust and Safe Deposit Company, of Philadelphia, Judge Purnell on yesterday made an order consolidating the cases pending in the United States Circuit Court entitled Atlantic Seaboard Company against the Carolina Northern Railroad Company and the Guaranty Trust and Safe Deposit Company against the Carolina Northern Railroad Company, the consolidated cause to be entitled "Atlantic Seaboard Company and Guaranty Trust and Safe Deposit Company against Carolina Northern Railroad Company."

H. F. Seawall, of Carthage, N. C., was appointed special master to take proof of the mortgage bonds outstanding, and all the claims except such as have been heretofore approved and that may be undisputed, and to inquire into and report upon the validity of any bonds or receiver's certificates that may be called into question, and also to examine the accounts of the receiver, W. J. Edwards, and of the former receivers, Augustus Meller and T. C. McNeely, with power to require the production of records and papers. The special master is directed to advertise for all holders of claims of any sort (other than those heretofore proved and not disputed) to file proof of claim before him by the 6th of February, 1905.

The receiver is required to file with the special master and in the Circuit Court Clerk's office within 30 days a list of all receiver's certificates authorized and issued, and for what purposes issued and the person or persons or corporation to whom they were issued, and the disposition of the proceeds of their sale. It is expected that matters will be in shape for a decree of the sale of the property of the railroad some time in February or March.

The special master is authorized to hold hearings under the order of reference at Raleigh, Lumberton, Charleston, S. C., Marion, S. C., and in such other places as may be necessary or expedient.

MOORE-STOCKARD WEDDING.

Solemnized in Raleigh Wednesday Afternoon—Bridal Trip Through Florida.

[*Raleigh News & Observer, 8th.*]

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stockard, on Halifax street, was yesterday afternoon the scene of one of the prettiest home weddings of this season when their elder daughter, Lelia, became the bride of Mr. Tom Moore, of Wilmington.

The house was artistically decorated with Southern smilax, cut flowers and palms, and the guests were graciously received by Misses Nannie Dinwiddie, Lula Moore and Katherine Covington.

At three o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor to the accompaniment of Mendelssohn's ever beautiful wedding march, played by Mrs. B. W. Kilgore. First came the ushers, little Misses Amy Stockard and Eugenia Clark. Then came the maid of honor, Miss Elsie Stockard, sister of the bride, dressed in pale green and bearing maiden hair ferns. The bride was beautifully gowned in white India crepe and carried white carnations. She entered upon the arm of her father, North Carolina's distinguished poet, and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. James A. Moore, who entered from the library. The ceremony was impressively performed by Dr. Alfred H. Moment, of the First Presbyterian church.

The bride is possessed of rare charm and magnetism, and is deservedly popular wherever she is known. The groom who is a native of Fayetteville, is well known in this city, and has many friends here and throughout the State. He now holds a prominent position in the purchasing department of the A. C. L. in Wilmington.

After the ceremony, a deligh ful reception was tendered the bridal party, the out of town guests and a few invited friends. The dining room was a scene of beauty in its color scheme of pink and white. Delicious refreshments were served by Misses Pauline Hill, Amelia Whitaker and Loula Bruner.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore left for Florida and other points South, and will be at home in Wilmington after December the twentieth.

TRUCK TEST FARM.

State Board Members Will Consider Proposition With Truckers' Association.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 8.—The State Board of Agriculture appoints Wm. Dunn, of Newbern, and A. T. McCallum, of Red Springs, of the Board, and State Chemist Kilgore and State Horticulturist Hume, a committee to confer with representatives of the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association with respect to the location of the experiment farm for the strawberry and truck section, the farm to be purchased and operated by the Agricultural Department. With this end in view, an experiment farm conducted for some years near Red Springs is ordered to be discontinued. The Board also ordered that a test farm be purchased in Transylvania county for experiments in apple growing and other western fruits. It will cost $2,000, the farmers in that section subscribing one-fourth of the amount.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Our stock is about complete. We offer this week all kinds of the nicest and freshest goods in our line.

Fruits of All Kinds.

Nuts, both shelled and unshelled, including shelled Filberts.

Preserves and Jellies.

A very choice selection of Huntley & Palmer's English Crackers.

All Kinds Fancy Cheese.

Camenbert, Roquefort and English Dairy.

Crystalized Fruits.

Maraschino Goods.

Brandied Figs, Cherries and Peaches

Cranberries and Celery

Malaga Grapes.

And everything else you want.

Wilmington Grocery Co
Jno. L. Boatwright, Manager,
Phone 14. dec 9 tf

NEW BOOKS.

A Ladder of Swords; by Gilbert Parker.
The Last Hope; by Henry Seton Merrimon.
The Crossing; by Winston Churchill.
Vergilius; by Irving Bacheller.
Four Roads to Paradise; by Maud Wilder Goodwin.
In the Bishop's Carriage; by Marian Michelson.
The Pillar of Light; by E. J. Clode.
The Motor Pirate; by G. Sidney Paternoster.

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KONUT.
NORTH CAROLINA HAMS,
Westphalia Hams,
Monumental Strips,
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One Glorious Night.
Monday, December 12th,
Fred E Wright's Big Musical Comedy Production
"The Beauty Doctor"
The most brilliant performance of the season.
An elaborate scenic production.
Seats on sale Friday. de 9 2t

Bananas, Bananas.
Carload Jamaicas just received.
Prices right.
Apples, Oranges, Fresh Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts
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ERNEST F. HINES COMPANY.
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Note—Mr. Keener Westbrook is with us and will look after the city trade. de 9 1y

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

H. L. Vollers wholesues in behalf of himself and all other creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company,

vs.

Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 2, 1905, or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company.

D. McEACHERN,
December 1, 1904. Receiver.
de 4 30d

TAX NOTICE.

Pay your City Taxes now and save annoyance and Costs.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
H. F. King,
City Tax Collector.

TAILORING.

Don't fail to see Leger Meyer before buying clothes to order. The cheapest and best for the money. Largest line of pants goods in the city to select from.
409 North Front street.
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING DECEMBER 9.

PUBLICITY FOR CAMPAIGN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Soon after the moral issue in the Presidential campaign was sprung by Judge Parker, the matchless leader of the Democratic party in that disastrous political contest, Congressman Bourke Cochran, of New York, gave notice that just as soon as Congress convened he intended to introduce in Congress a bill to protect, as far as it could, the elections of the people from debauchment by the use of corrupting campaign funds. When Congress met on Monday bills were introduced and among them was one by Mr. Cochran making good his declaration.

Mr. Cochran's bill requires that all campaign contributions which exceed $50 in Presidential and Congressional elections shall be publicly certified either by the giver or recipient, or by both. In effect the measures provides that all contributions made by a person, firm, corporation or society shall be embodied in a statement to the clerk of the district court, and that in this statement must be included the amount of the contribution, the name of the giver and the person or committee receiving it. In the event of the giver of the contribution failing to comply, it is provided that the person or committee receiving the money shall make the statement immediately, and that the facts shall be published in at least two newspapers supporting the opposing candidate in the district. For failure to comply with the provisions of the bill a penalty of from one to three years' imprisonment is provided.

Representative Cochran, in another bill introduced Monday, seeks to ascertain through a special commission appointed for that purpose, the amounts of money expended by both parties from 1892 to 1904 inclusive, for the election of Presidential electors and Representatives in Congress. The bill provides that the commission shall be composed of the senior associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the junior judge of the Circuit of the United States in and for the Third Circuit, together with two senators of different political affiliations to be chosen by the Senate, and two Representatives in Congress of different political affiliations to be chosen by that body. Its main object is to ascertain the sources from which such moneys were derived, the purposes for which used, the persons to whom they were paid or given and the manner in which they were disbursed. The terms of the bill require that the finding of the commission and the testimony taken shall be reported to Congress on or before January 1, 1906.

The New York Tribune, Repub., belittles the measure and says:

"We hope to hear much eloquent advocacy of it from Mr. Cochran and other Democrats; and perhaps they might possibly vote for it—if they were sure that there was no danger of its becoming a law. As a piece of clap trap it is fully up to Mr. Cockran's average."

The Tribune writer had evidently not read President Roosevelt's message which had been sent in advance to the press of the United States. The President, anticipating Mr. Cochran's bill, asked in his message for a statute to punish bribery and corruption in Federal elections. He urges also that Congress provide for the publication not only of the "expenditures for nominations and elections of all candidates but also of contributions received and expenditures made by political committees."

What does the Tribune think of its President's little piece of "clap-trap?" The hit dog was expected to howl, as a matter of course, but belittle the Cochran bill as they will, the American people, if not now, will soon or later, regardless of whether they are Democrats or Republicans, demand that their elections shall be held without suspicion of taint. The moral issue will not down.

The Republican Congress has already begun its "square deal" against the South. At the instance of the Republican Club of New York city, Senator Platt, on Wednesday introduced a bill to reduce representation in those Southern States which have disfranchised negroes. The bill cuts off 19 Congressmen as follows: North Carolina from 10 to 8; South Carolina from 7 to 5; Alabama from 9 to 7; Arkansas from 7 to 6; Florida from 3 to 2; Georgia from 11 to 8; Louisiana from 7 to 5; Mississippi from 8 to 6; Tennessee from 10 to 9; Texas from 16 to 15; Virginia from 10 to 8.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE NOT REASSUMING TO EUROPE.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress on Tuesday was pretty much what was expected in this county, but a Washington special to the Baltimore Sun says the foreign diplomats at Washington are aroused over the reference of "our foreign policy." The Sun's correspondent, by some hook or crook ascertained that the diplomats representing foreign governments even regard the President's foreign policy as threatening. There is an intimation, at least, that they do not exactly understand what the President means and they want to sound Secretary Hay to make sure whether there is any ambiguity in what Mr. Roosevelt says. Says the Sun's special:

That part of the President's message which deals with American foreign relations has created commotion in the diplomatic corps.

On account of their position the foreign diplomats by introduction of Washington are not at liberty to expression to their opinions, but privately and among themselves the greatest surprise, amounting almost to consternation, is expressed. The language and the sentiment of this part of the message are regarded as so far removed from the ordinary method of discussing international relations that the foreign representatives do not know what to make of it. Some of the President's expressions are regarded by diplomats as almost threatening in their suggestion of the necessity for the United States to be prepared to deal forcibly with foreign powers when necessary.

The special reference to Russia is spoken of as extraordinary, and it is suggested that the statement by the President that the conduct of Russia in connection with the refusal to grant passports to Jewish-Americans is unjust and irritating to the United States, if made use of by the head of any other Government but the United States would result in a severance of diplomatic relations. It is not believed, however, that Russia will go to that extent in resentment under the circumstances. It is said to be likely that Russia will withdraw from negotiations looking to the issuance of passports to Jewish-Americans, which, it now appears, according to information in diplomatic circles, was about to culminate in the desired concession on the part of Russia.

With the President calling "a peace conference" one week and urging a big fighting armament the next, Europe is not likely to think the United States want peace as much as they talk about it. A majority of the British newspapers editorially approve Mr. Roosevelt's advocacy of a strong army and navy in order to preserve "the peace of justice" and acquit him of any jingo aims. Some, on the other hand, consider the measure injurious to the ideals of disarmament and arbitration. The Daily Graphic, for example, thinks the message "will strengthen the advocates of bloated armaments in every country."

After reading President Roosevelt's message, the foreign nations will go right on making big preparations for war instead of peace.

A TRIAL FREE.

Hardin's Palace Pharmacy, at 126 South Front street, has made a liberal free offer. Mr. Hardin having thoroughly satisfied himself as to the merits of Paracamph, First Aid to the Injured, states that all you need to do is to deposit 25c with Hardin's Palace Pharmacy and get a bottle of Paracamph. Use as directed. If you are not satisfied return the bottle and get your money back. Paracamph cures Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Sore Feet, Sore Toes, Sore Hands, Sore Face. Paracamph heals Ulcers, Sores and Swellings. Paracamph gives ease to tired hands and weary and blistered feet. Paracamph cures Pains, Pimples and Skin Troubles. Big nasty blotches go away when you use Paracamph. Money back if you are not satisfied. Paracamph cures Neuralgia and Rheumatic Swellings. Cures Bleeding and Itching Piles. Paracamph stops itching. You get relief at once. Paracamph is good in cases of swellings and inflammations and absolutely prevents dangerous blood poison. Don't hesitate. Don't argue. Get a bottle of Paracamph to-day. Keep it in the house. Yes, a household necessity is Paracamph. You need it just when you don't expect. You can always get your money back if you are dissatisfied. Do you suffer from a cold in the head, pain in the chest, ringing in the ears. Use Paracamph. Remember you can deposit 25c. with Mr. Hardin, at 126 South Front Street, and get a bottle of Paracamph. Get it to-day.

Paracamph is made by a big Kentucky company, The Paracamph Company, incorporated for $300,000, with references—Dun's Bradstreet's or any bank.

We are convinced that the Paracamph Company is reliable.

Special Agents: Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

Excursion to Havana, Cuba, January 4th.

The Seaboard announces a very low rate of one fare plus two dollars for the round trip from all points in Virginia, North and South Carolina, including Washington, D. C., to Havana, Cuba, and return. Rates including meals and Stateroom on Steamship between Port Tampa, and Havana and return. Tickets will be sold January 4th from North Carolina points and are good returning on any Steamer up to and including January 19th, with final limit of ticket January 22nd, 1905. Stop-overs will be permitted at any points South of Jacksonville.

This party will be limited to 150 persons, and reservations should be made promptly in order to secure accommodations on the Steamship "Olivette," one of the most handsome ships of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana. The party will be personally conducted by Mr. A. W. Fritot from Jacksonville, who will meet them in Jacksonville, and accompany them to Havana. Mr. Fritot speaks Spanish fluently, and will give special attention to the party.

The rate from Wilmington will be $44.70 for the round trip, including meals and State-room berth.

For other information apply to, E. B. Williamson, Wilmington; or C. H. Gattis, Trav. Pass. Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

WORLD FAME.

SUPERIORITY OF VINOL, THE NEW COD LIVER OIL PREPARATION.

Recognized By The Greatest Authorities Not Only In America but in Europe.

"Good news goes fast," said Mr. Bellamy yesterday, talking to a reporter about that wonderful new cod liver oil preparation, Vinol, which contains all the valuable medicinal principles of that famous remedy, but no oil, and concerning which so much is heard nowadays. "Why, besides being talked about in prominent papers in America, its principles have been discussed in the "Lancet" of London, England, the greatest medical publication in the world.

"This will show you what the great men of the old world think of the Vinol idea. The editor of the Lancet says:—

"Recent investigation has led to the isolation of several distinct bodies in cod liver oil, notably amongst which are the alkaloids. (We call them medicinal curative principles.) These principles have been tested faithfully and the results form the subject of the exclusive report by Gautier and Morgues in the Journal de Pharmacie who concluded that the combined active medicinal principles of cod liver oil act as powerful stimulants of nutrition and assimilation, and show definitely the nature of the principles to which the oil owes its valuable medicinal properties.

"This report proves that the real merit of cod liver oil was due to the alkaloids contained therein. Now it is these valuable alalkoids or active medicinal principals, as we call them, that are contained in Vinol, which make it the most scientific and valuable preparation of cod liver oil known to medicine."

"And the best part of all this is is," continued Mr. Bellamy, "it is not only the world's physicians who are enthusiastic, but the people who take the remedy. It doesn't take but a minute to find out that Vinol is delicious to the taste, then the patient soon realizes its advantages. It does good so much more quickly, and accomplishes the desired end in a much more marked manner than cod liver oil in its crude form was ever able to do.

"Oh, yes, of course I consider Vinol a great success," continued Mr. Bellamy. "How can it be otherwise. A discovery that has made it practical to prescribe the greatest known medicine for all wasting diseases in a concentrated and doubly potent form and as delicious tasting as a fresh orange surely must be successful." Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— That Crum nomination has been sent to the Senate again, having now reached the proportions of a brown crust.—Baltimore Sun.

—— There is a hot time coming up North between the Republican plutocracy and the Socialists. It's a good time for the South to sit on the fence and referee the fracas.—Macon Telegraph.

—— On the face of it the renomination of the negro Crum would indicate that the President is to continue to show a stubborn disregard of the sentiment of the South and the business interests of the city of Charleston in particular, but when it is considered that it was next to impossible for him to retreat from the position he had taken and remedy the great blunder he made we can possibly look upon his latest move not as an evidence that he does not intend to make good his post-election promises, but that he was simply doing what circumstances compelled him to do. This in no wise relieves him of grievous fault in the first instance.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

—— That portion of the President's message to Congress most interesting to the people of this section is the paragraph in which he commends the "Jamestown Tricentenary Exposition" to the favorable attention of Congress. He does this unequivocally, putting his recommendation on the correct historical ground that the founding of Jamestown marked the first permanent foothold of Englishmen in America. Congressman Maynard has wisely decided to ask for a government appropriation of $5,000,000, of which $1,000,000 is to be assigned to the government exhibit and another considerable portion to the entertainment of the visiting naval officers from abroad. The distinctive feature of the Jamestown Exposition is to be the maritime and naval display. Our own people have contributed of their means as the people of Missouri contributed to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. It is no small matter for our people to subscribe to $1,000,000 worth of stock.—Norfolk Landmark.

STRAIN TOO GREAT.

Hundreds of Wilmington Readers Find It So.

The hustle and worry of business men,
The hard work and stooping of workmen,
The woman's household cares,
Are too great a strain on the kidneys.
Backache, headache, sideache,
Kidney troubles, urinary troubles follow.

A Wilmington citizen tells you how to cure them all.

R. F. Rowan, clerk with L. W. Davis' Clothing House, residing on Castle street between Sixth and Seventh, says: "I strained myself lifting a heavy box, and suffered great pain across my back for a long time. I used plasters and liniments but they did me no good. I could hardly stand up straight, my back was so weak. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised in our newspapers I went to Bellamy's drug store and got a box. I felt better the next day and continued using them according to directions and my back regained its old strength. I was simply surprised at the result. I will gladly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills every time for backache."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice, Dec. 7th, 1904.

WOMEN'S LIST.

K. A. Andrews, M. J. Baldwin, Curleals Bradley, Ella Brinkley, Mary Brown, Florence Bryant, Ella Burriss, Rageie Dover, Alice Franks, Mable Grgue, J. T. Harrell, Clara Holland, Gracie Hopkins, Mary E. Jones, Lizzie Belle Kelly, Susan W. Moore, Charity Possie, F. J. Pous, Annie G. Price, Mary E. Rives, Bessie Lukers Stewert, Lizzie B. Taylor, Hattie Turlington.

MEN'S LIST.

Guy Arnold, Fletcher Atkinson, G. M. Baily, W. F. Benson, E. A. Benton, Julice Bill, Michele Brancaccio, Alexander Brown, Earnest Brown, B. Chateambriand, Clawson & Co., H. A. Coxe, W. R. Creed & Co., Herman Decker, Edied Eayton, Hamby Ellis, W. M. Faison, P. F. Faulk, C. W. French, William Gregg, Isam Hammonds, Freddie Duglis, M. J. Inman, James A. Jacobs, Boss Jackson, Bob Johnson and father, N. A. Jones, G. H. Justice, Joseph Lewis, Jim McCuer, Thomas McGelvary, Scott McLean, H. F. McMi lan, Thomas Mills Walton, Demcie Morby, W. E. Myers, Carli Pittman, G. S. Shurden, J. A. Sm th, James Smith, S. C. Smith, Richard Southerland, Will Telfore, Richard Thomas, Jim Thorpe, James E. Joyner, F. E. Tubbs.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Mrs. Julia Davis.

One cent due is charged on letters advertised.

Letters to strangers or transient visitors to a town or city, whose special address may be unknown, should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the word "Transient."

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office.

T. E. WALLACE, Postmaster.

TWINKLINGS

— Did you see the ring Jack gave May? Yes, two years ago.—Town Topics.

— "Yes, he was killed by a blow from a policeman's club." "Sort of hard wood finish, eh?"—Puck.

— "What would you think of a man who would feed breakfast food to his chickens?" "I should think the chickens would be laying for him."—Houston Post.

— "A Massachusetts man drew a $175 horse at a church fair." "Was the horse worth that?" "I don't know. That's what the tickets cost him.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

— It was a case of assault and battery. "During the altercation," queried the police magistrate, "did the accused use an expletive?" "No, Your Honor," replied the prosecuting witness, "he only used his fist."—Chicago Daily News.

— Said the Salt Cellar to the Vinegar Cruet: "Those Croquettes are putting on a deal of style." "Yes," replied the Vinegar Cruet, "but both of us can remember when they were only plain Hash."—Boston Transcript.

— "Good intentions, you know, never die," said the man who was fond of quoting things in his own way. "Indeed?" replid the other. "Probably that would explain why they're so seldon carried out."—Philadelphia Ledger.

— Burly Party: Are you aware, sir, that you deliberately placed your umbrella in my ear last evening? Little Bifferton: Very careless of me, I'm sure! I wondered what became of it, and—Would it be too much trouble to ask you to return it?—Tits-Bits.

— "Miss Edith," said Joe, the office boy, "were you ever in love?" Miss Thompson started, then said lightly: "Why, yes, I guess I've been in love. Have you?" Joe gave a deep sigh. "I'm in love now," he said. Edith tried to check the smile on her face at this woe-begone statement. "Really!" she asked. "How can you tell?" "How can I tell? Why, easy. When I don't care to lick no messenger boys and don't take no interest in life, then I know I got it."—Alden March, in Lippincott's.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—3 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad— 28 bales cotton, 5 barrels tar, 18 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad— 60 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 5 barrels rosin, 36 barrels tar, 119 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—30 bales cotton, 2 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—12 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 60 barrels rosin.

Steamer Sanders—37 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine.

Schooner Addie May—3 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 41 barrels rosin.

Total—162 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 106 barrels rosin, 43 barrels tar, 187 barrels crude turpentine.

The crown of womanhood is motherhood. But uneasy lies the head that wears the crown or anticipates this coronation, when there is a lack of womanly strength to bear the burdens of maternal dignity and duty. The reason why so many women sink under the strain of motherhood is because they are unprepared.

"I unhesitatingly advise expectant mothers to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. J. W. G. Stephens, of Mila, Northumberland Co., Va. The reason for this advice is that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best preparative for the maternal function. No matter how healthy and strong a woman may be, she cannot use "Favorite Prescription" as a preparative for maternity without gain of health and comfort. But it is the women who are not strong who best appreciate the great benefits received from the use of "Favorite Prescription." For one thing its use makes the baby's advent practically painless. It has in many cases reduced days of suffering to a few brief hours. It has changed the period of anxiety and struggle into a time of ease and comfort.

The proprietors and makers of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay $500 for any case of Leucorrhea, Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of Womb, which they cannot cure. All the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Proprietors, of Buffalo, N. Y., ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.45 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.80 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip, $3.70 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin steady at $2.10; tar firm at $1.80; crude turpentine firm at $2.35@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	21
Rosin	106
Tar	43
Crude turpentine	137

Receipts same day last year—26 casks spirits turpentine, 186 barrels rosin, 247 barrels tar, 96 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market steady at 12c for middling.

Receipts—162 bales; same day last year, 2,635.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 85c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c. Spanish, 80@85c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, 11c.

EGGS—Dull at 20c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Market dull.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Money on call strong and higher at 2½@5 per cent.; closing bid 4¾ per cent.; offered at 4¾ per cent.; time loans steady; sixty days 3¾@4 per ct.; ninety days 3¾@4 per ct; six months 3¾@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@4¾ per cent. Sterling exchange closed steady; actual business in bankers' bills 486@486.15 for demand and 483.40@483.50 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 484¾ and 487@487½. Commercial bills 483@483¼. Bar silver 59¾. Mexican dollars 48¾. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 3's, registered, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 4's, registered, 130¾; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 131; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 105¾; do. coupon, 106¾; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 99¾; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 103¾; Norfolk & Western consol 4's —; Seaboard Air Line 4's 85 off'd; Southern Railway 5's, 119¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 93½; Chesapeake & Ohio 46¼; Manhattan L 166½; New York Central 137½; Reading 77¾; do. 1st pref'd, 88¾; do. 2nd pref'd 80½; Southern Railway 34¾; do. pref'd 95¼; Amalgamated Copper 68; People's Gas 107½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 69¾; U. S. Leather 18¾; U. S. Leather preferred, 104¼; Western Union 92; U. S. Steel 28; do. preferred 89¾; Mexican Central 20¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 89¾; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 111¼; sales — shares. Standard Oil 625.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 18¼@18¾; do. preferred, 38¾ bid; do. bonds, fours, —. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 151 bid; do. preferred —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Rosin dull. Spirits turpentine easy at 51@51½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 8.—Spirits turpentine—nothing doing. Rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 8.—Spirits turpentine was steady at 48c; receipts 478 casks; sales 660 casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,926 barrels; sales 3,190 bbls; exports 552 bbls. A, B, C, $2 52½; D, $2 52½; E, $2 55@2 57½; F, $2 57½@2 60; G, $2 62½@2 65; H, $2 75@2 77½; I, $3 30@3 32½; K, $3 90; M, $4 30; N, $4 50; W G, $4 75; W W, $5 10.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 8—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of six to seven points which was only a partial response to weak cables. It looked as though Wall street was covering shorts, representing possibly the operations of parties who had been caught long of stocks and short of cotton by the big break in the stock market and needed their cotton profits to assist them in taking care of commitments in securities. The demand lead to a steady market most of the morning with prices gradually working up to about the closing level of yesterday. Around mid day there was a wave of bear pressure and a decline to about the previous low level, but in the afternoon the market again steadied up on covering and was finally very steady at a net advance of seven to nine points. Sales were estimated at 350,000 bales. The afternoon advance was promoted by the steadier Southern spot markets, full exports and liberal interior shipments as compared with receipts. Another factor that undoubtedly exercised considerable influence and caused covering by timid shorts was a report that a Southern newspaper had published a letter from a cotton ginner to the effect that he personally had misunderstood instructions or the government's request for information and had reported the amount of cotton ginned on November 20th instead of November 13th. The party in question claims that the mistake was general and that the report of the Census Bureau was misleading as to the volume of cotton ginned to November 13 by about 700,000 bales. Conservative people here seemed inclined to discredit the statement. After the close of the market, however, transactions were made unofficially at an advance of nine to ten points from the closing figures and New Orleans ruled very firm during the late trading.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Cotton—The market was steady at 8c; net receipts 50 bales; gross receipts 5,696 bales; stock 91,932 bales.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 8c; middling gulf 8.25c; sales 25,625 bales.

Futures closed very steady: December 7.70, January 7.77, February 7.77, March 7.95, April 7.99, May 8.05, June 8.09, July 8.14, August 8.06.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 42,089 bales; exports to Great Britain 25,387 bales; exports to France 3,136 bales; exports to the Continent 13,321 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico 1,649 bales; stock 997,004 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 315,111 bales; exports to Great Britain 161,631 bales; exports to France 21,143 bales; exports to Continent 76,534 bales; exports to Japan 3,576 bales; exports to Mexico 1,649 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,926,578 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,742,679 bales; exports to France 375,352 bales; exports to the Continent 1,277,000 bales; exports to Japan 37,988 bales; exports to Mexico 12,364 bales.

Dec 8.—Galveston, steady at 7 7 16, net receipts 11,169 bales; Norfolk, nominal, net receipts 3,510 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7¾c, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 8c, net receipts 1,892 bales; Wilmington, nominal, net receipts 102 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8.25c, net receipts 133 bales; Savannah, easier at 7¼c, net receipts 7,579 bales; New Orleans, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 14,911 bales; Mobile, quiet at 7 5 16c, net receipts 2,250 bales; Memphis, quiet at 7¾c, net receipts 4,063 bales; Augusta, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 1,465 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7¾c, net receipts 546 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Flour was dull and lower to sell; Minnesota patents $5 85@6 10; winter patents $5 50@5 85. Rye flour quiet. Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red $1 16½, f. o. b. afloat. Options closed ¼@1½c net higher except December which under liquidation closed 1c net lower; May closed $1 13½; July closed $1 04½; December closed $1 15½. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 54½c f. o. b. afloat. Options closed ¼c net higher: May closed 50½c; December closed 55c. Oats—Spot market quiet; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 28@35½c. Lard easy. Sugar—Raw firm; confectioner's A $5 40; mould A $5 90; cut loaf $6 25; crushed $6 25; powdered $5 65; granulated $5 55; cubes $5 80. Cheese firm; State, full cream, small, September, colored 13c; do. small white 10@11. Eggs firm; State, Pennsylvania and nearby, selected white extra fancy 38@40c; Southern —. Potatoes firm; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 75@3 00; State and Western $1 35@1 55; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 50. Butter firm; creamery, common to extra 19@24c. Rice quiet. Cabbages quiet; flat Dutch, per 100, $2 00@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 12@15c. Peanuts quiet; fancy handpicked 5¼@5½; other domestic grades 3¾@5¼c. Tallow firm. Pork easy; family $14 50@15 50; short clear 13 75@16 50. Molasses steady. Cotton seed oil was weak, with trade fairly active at prices: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 17½c; prime summer yellow 24¼@24¾c; off summer yellow 24¼@24¾c; prime white 28½c; winter yellow 29¼@30c.

CHICAGO, December 8.—Reports of improved demand for flour at Minneapolis helped to make a basis for a strong rally in wheat prices here to-day. At the close May wheat was up ½c, compared with yesterday's final figures. Corn is up ½@¾c. Oats show a gain of ½. Provisions are down 2½ to 12½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Cash prices: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 08@1 15; No. 3 spring $1 02@1 13; No. 3 red $1 09¼@1 13¾. Corn—No. 2 46¾c; No. 2 yellow 46¾. Oats—No. 2 28¼@38¾c; No. 2 white, 31@31¼c; No. 3 white 29¾@30½c. Rye—No. 2 quoted at 75c. Mess pork, per bbl., $11 25@11 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 80@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no market report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 75@6 87½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 24.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December $1 08¾, 1 08¾, 1 08¾, 1 08¾; May $1 10¾@1 10¾, 1 11¾, 1 09¾, 1 11¼; July 98¾@98¾, 99¼, 98, 99¾@99¾. Corn—December 45¾@45¾, 46¾, 45¾, 46; May 44¾@44¾, 44¾@44¾, 44¼, 44¾; July 44¾, 44¾, 44¼, 44¾@44¾c; Oats—December 28¼, 28¼, 28¼, 28¼c; May 30¾, 30¾, 30¾, 30¾; July 30¼, 30¾, 30¼, 30¾. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 50, 12 50, 12 40, 12 47½; May $12 80, 12 82½, 12 70, 12 80. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 55, 6 55, 6 80, 6 85; May $7 05, 7 05, 7 02½, 7 05. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 50, 6 50, 6 45, 6 50; May $6 67½, 6 70, 6 65, 6 70.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 8¼c; mild steady; Cordova 10@13c. The market for coffee futures opened steady at unchanged prices and closed steady at a net gain of 5@10 points. Sales 81,750 bags.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 8.—Cotton: Spot, moderate demand; prices 2 to 4 points higher; American middling fair 4.58d; good middling 4.34d; middling 4.24d; low middling 4.12d; good ordinary 3.98d; ordinary 3.82d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 3,200 bales American. Receipts 12,000 bales, including 3,200 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet; American middling (g. o. c): December 4.12d; December and January 4.12d; January and February 4.18d; February and March 4.23d; March and April 4.27d; April and May 4.30d; May and June 4.33d; June and July 4.35d; July and August 4.37d; August and September 4.37d.

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REPORT

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 916,988 68
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	400 45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	104,500 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	89,850 00
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures	30,000 00
Other real estate owned	10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents	135,896 07
Due from State Banks and Bankers	130,068 68
Due from approved reserve agents	71,627 95
Notes of other National Banks	9 460 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	684 69
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie $35,356 00	
Legal tender notes 30,694 00	75,050 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	9,941 50
Total	$1,649,192 02

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	78,866 70
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other National Banks	196,498 91
Due to State Banks and Bankers	130,050 88
Dividends unpaid	529 00
Individual deposits subject to check	764,409 49
Certified checks	600 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	12,880 04
United States Deposits	104,800 00
Total	$1,649,192 02

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss:

I, J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1904.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Spencer is to put in a system of waterworks.

— A gentleman is visiting farm lands near Spring Hope with a view to locating sixteen families of Pennsylvania Quakers.

— At Franklinton on Wednesday Mr. Junius Hight, aged 58, dropped dead at the back door of the Sterling Cotton Mills store. He had just passed through the store and some lady friends congratulated him upon how well he was looking.

— In Nash County Sunday morning, Miss Jennie Holderby, daughter of Mr. R. M. Holderby, was standing before an open fire dressing her little sister when her skirts caught from the flames behind her. She was so frightfully burned that death soon supervened.

— The Reformed Knights of Gideon, a fraternal order among the colored people of Goldsboro and section, where they now have something like fifteen hundred members, will begin the publication of a weekly newpaper at Greensboro next week. The order, which is less than a year old, has an insurance feature.

— At Durham on Wednesday the Board of County Commissioners granted a franchise to the Raleigh and Durham Passenger and Power Company, for the car line from Durham to Raleigh. Under the provisions of the franchise the company will not use the county bridges, and the placing of poles will be under the supervision of the road superintendent.

— At Raleigh on Wednesday Governor Aycock pardoned Andrew Wilson, a white man of Granville county, who for three and a half years has been in the State's Prison, where his sentence was for fifteen years for murder. The pardon was granted by the Governor on the recommendation of Judge Shaw, who was the presiding judge at the trial when Wilson was convicted. Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford, presented the application to Governor Aycock.

— At Scotland Neck on Tuesday the Carolina Investment Company was organized with a limit of $100,000 capital stock and $37,000 paid in. The purpose of the company is to deal in farm, timber and mineral lands and also resort property. The company will also seek to induce desirable immigration to North Carolina from the North and West. There are forty-one stockholders, including many of the leading business men of Eastern Carolina, Norfolk and vicinity.

— A dispatch from Greensboro on Wednesday says: The Johnson & Watson Company, Greensboro's shoe manufacturers, are installing a complete Goodyear Welt system in their factory, which will increase their output from 300 to 500 pairs daily. Since the firm was organized two years ago they have been employing 60 operatives, but with the installation of the additional machinery 150 will be employed. Only two floors of the factory have been used, but in the future, beginning January 1st, all four floors will be needed. The business has steadily grown. The concern is now five weeks behind on orders and has enough business in sight to keep the factory in full operation until next April.

— Sandy Gardner, 65 or 70 years of age, who was placed in the county jail at Asheville a week or ten days ago a raving maniac, died last Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Gardner lost his mind brooding over his having killed a man named Sheppard in Yancey county many years ago. At the time of the murder a plea of self-defense was entered and Gardner was acquitted. Although the crime was committed 30 years or more ago, Gardener was never able to free himself from the horror of the thing, and after losing his mind he continually raved over seeing the ghost of Sheppard, and every few minutes would cry out that the demons were after him.

A GIRL'S HEROISM.

It Required Courage to Make the Sacrifice She Did.

A girl stood one day in the waiting room of an office in London. She had come in answer to an advertisement to apply for a secretary's post and was awaiting her inspection. She needed the position, and she waited anxiously.

Presently she was called into the office, and the interview was satisfactory, but she was asked to wait, as there was another applicant to be interviewed. She went into an adjoining room, and through the open door she saw a small, pale woman, nervously answering the questions put to her, and could hear the pitiful story of her husband's death, the small children dependent upon her and her need of work. The woman was told, however, that her services could not be accepted, as another person had already applied and had just received a promise of the position.

The girl listening in the next room had hardly understood what was going on, but at this point her heart bounded with joy as she realized that she was the accepted person. The next moment she saw despair written on the face of the widow and perceived suddenly what this failure meant to her. "I can't do it; I can't take it from her," she murmured. And without stopping a moment to consider she walked quickly back to the other room and said quietly to the employer: "I wish to tell you that on consideration I find the position you offer would not suit me. Good morning." And she left the office without another word.

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A LASSO TOURNAMENT

[Original.]

The stage stopped for supper at the Widow Sackett's. She was young to be a widow and a very pretty widow at that. When we drove on I, being seated on the box by the driver, asked him about her, remarking that she was of the melancholy rather than the vivacious type.

"She was gay enough once," replied the driver.

"Ah! When was that?"

"It was when this here country was the principal cattle range in the hull middle west. It's given over to big grain growin' now. Then it was all cattle. Olive Ross was the purtiest gal in the hull range. Her father was in charge of a ranch owned by an eastern company, and Olive was the belle of the range. The young men used to flock around her like flies on to a molasses barrel. Most any night you could see ten or a dozen horses hitched to the fence in front o' the house, but they all had to light out at 10 o'clock. You see, Olive was in them days only about sixteen years old, and her pa wouldn't have no late hours. Besides, it kep' her from marryin' too young, 'cause none of 'em had a chance to do any private courtin'.

"As time went on the field of Olive Ross' lovers dwindled down to two. That was because everybody knew that one of these two was a-goin' to git the prize. Penn Sackett was one o' the principal men on the ranch her father had charge of. Consequence was he had a better chance than the others. But jist as everybody supposed he'd landed Olive along comes Dick Corey, the head man of another big ranch, and for a time drives Sackett to the wall. Then when the fust edge had wore off'n Corey things settled down to an off and on between the two. One season Sackett would seem to have the inside track, the next Corey would best him, and so it went, the two men gittin' to hate each other worse and worse every day. As to the gal, she seemed to like it. Fact is she didn't realize that she was a-stirrin' up a hornets' nest.

"One day when she'd been urged by both her lovers to come to a decision the idea popped into her head that it would be a fine thing to git up a lasso contest between 'em. So she told 'em she'd marry the one that could lasso the other. You see, there was no danger of their hurtin' each other with a coil o' rope. If there had been Olive would a-sooner died than set 'em to doin' it. She only wanted a little sport. She was one o' them gals that likes to be fit over without anybody's gittin' hurt.

"I was at the big lasso contest between Penn Sackett and Dick Corey. They was both fine lookin' fellers, though Sackett was the favorite. Fact is nobody seemed to know why the gal worrited him with Corey, who had a kind of a swagger about him. But I've always noticed that swagger goes with wimmin. Most on us felt that if Dick Corey got worsted he'd make it hot for Sackett, but Olive she jist didn't dream of there bein' any trouble comin' from such an innocent amusement and jist tilted along through the thing as if she was dancin' to inspirin' music.

"The men, mounted on the best horses to be found on two ranches, rode out on to the rope ring staked out for 'em and begun to throw. They was considered the best throwers anywheres about and threw true every time. But they was as good dodgers as throwers, and every time one of 'em saw the rope comin' he'd be out o' the way before it got to him. I was standin' near Olive, and it didn't take me long to see which man she was hopin' would best the other. Every time Corey 'd throw at Sackett she'd hold her breath till the rope fell, and once when it looked as if Sackett was roped I thought she'd a-fainted. Fact is she'd begun to realize that she'd have to take the winner, and she hadn't done much thinkin' about this part o' the show.

"It wasn't one o' them performances where it's all over too soon. Fact is it was plain from the fust it would be a case o' tire out. For an hour both men were under a big strain with watchin' and throwin' the rope and turnin' their horses this away and that away. Corey made the best throws 'cause he was excitin' hisself most, but that sort o' thing was wearin'. Sackett seemed more collected and didn't get tired so soon. I always believed he knew the gal would be his'n anyway. At any rate, he waited till Corey's arm worked pretty slow and his turns was lang'id-like; then he makes half a dozen tosses, the last one catchin' right around Corey's body and pinionin' his left arm. I saw Olive look up 's if thankin' God, and there was a cheer. I was still lookin' at the gal when I heerd a shot and, turnin', saw Corey had drawn and fired at Sackett. Corey got two shots in before Sackett could git out his gun. Then the two had it till their guns was emptied and both of 'em was layin' limp on the ground.

"I never see such a changed expression on a woman's face as come over Olive's durin' the shootin'. It was one o' horror. No other word comes near hittin' it, and that's not much good. When it was over, she made a bee line for Sackett, raised his head and shrieked.

"Corey was dead when they picked him up. Sackett lived long enough for a parson to hitch him to Olive."

"That's the end o' the yarn," continued the narrator after touching up his horses. "Olive Sackett wouldn't never have no more lovers nor marry any man, though some mighty rich ranchers tried to git her. When her father died without leavin' her anything, she opened the place where you got supper and has kep' it ever since."

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P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 30	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 22	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	8 27	9 00
7 25	7 07	Morehead City..		6 55
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.07 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	4 03 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 45 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 38 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 03 p m
Ar Wilson	11 35 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

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SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 00 p m	9 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Savannah	3 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	8 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7 30 p m	10 25 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	* Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	6 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 35 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound 1* Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	3 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 20 p m	6 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	8 40 p m
Lv		8 40 a m

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" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 20 p m
" Raleigh	11 45 a m	1 30 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 37 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 00 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 38 a m
" Washington	6 30 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	7 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	9 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 12 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	3 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	5 53 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

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SOUTHBOUND.	No. 41
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 15 p m
" Athens	5 18 a m
Arrive Atlanta	8 40 a m

NORTHBOUND	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m
" Athens	11 23 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND	No. 43
Leave Wilmington	6 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Columbia	12 20 a m
" Savannah	4 40 a m
" Jacksonville	9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa	5 45 a m

NORTHBOUND	No. 66
Leave Tampa	9 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	5 30 a m
" Hamlet	9 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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WINTER SCHEDULE

SUBURBAN LINE.

In Effect November 13, 1904.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.	Leave W. Beach.
†7.00 A. M.	8 15	
10 00 A. M.		11.00 A. M.
3 00 P. M.		5 00 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.30 P. M.	
*10 00 P. M. (Sat'day)	10.30 P. M. (Sat'day only)	

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(Daily except Sunday)

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 9.

COTTON CROP STATISTICS.

The Census Bureau and Its Plan of Publishing Crop Reports in Partial Statements—An Explanation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Director of Census North to-day made a statement setting forth the position of the Census Bureau in connection with the resolution recently adopted by the Memphis, Tenn., Cotton Exchange, and concurred in by the Exchanges at Vicksburg and Charleston, requesting that the census office abandon its present plan of publishing the cotton crop reports in partial statements, and withhold all information until reports have been received from every county in the cotton belt. Director North says:

"Since the Census Bureau undertook the collection and publication of the statistics of cotton ginned, only two objections have been urged to its plan, namely, that too much time elapsed between the collections and that the exigencies of the cotton trade required reports more frequently than once a month.

The change was made to meet these two objections. It is impossible to give out complete reports until all the agents have made their returns; and, as facilities for travel and other conditions differ widely throughout the cotton producing States, it often happens that a few county reports are late and the publication of the full report is thus delayed several days. Under the new plan information is given to the public as fast as received and compiled. Incidentally, the returns are thus protected from the possibility of 'leakage' or any suspicion of leakage.

"The plan also meets the second objection, by giving the public more frequent reports and gradually preparing all concerned for the complete monthly statement giving the total quantity ginned to a given date. The preliminary report of November 22nd gave an accurate forecast of the full report, and gave notice to producer and manufacturer as to what might be expected in the final report issued November 30th, and in consequence there were no sharp and sudden fluctuations in prices during that time. As a steadying influence upon the market the partial reports have been abundantly justified already.

"The estimate of the Department of Agriculture estimating the year's growth at 12,162,000 bales appeared on December 3rd. The public, therefore, had ten days in which to prepare for a large crop estimate. It would appear that the effect of the partial statement was to prepare the public for conditions now appearing, and to prevent wide fluctuations in prices, which must otherwise have occurred.

"The office has received abundant testimony that the new method is regarded by the producers and consumers of cotton as an improvement and advantage.

"However, the plan of issuing these partial statements is experimental, and if at the close of this season its results are not regarded as clearly advantageous to producers and consumere, it will be abandoned thereafter. The census reports are primarily made for the benefit of these classes, and thus far have unmistakably so resulted."

ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY.

Burglars at Frederick, Md, Frightened Away by Citizens—Twenty Arrests Made—One from Wilmington.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FREDERICK, MD., Dec. 8.—At an early hour this morning a daring attempt was made to rob the Mount Airy Bank. The iron safe was blown to pieces, but before the robbers could open an inner door of the vault beyond which lay the money and securities of the institution, the thieves were frightened away by the citizens of the town attracted by the explosion. Several taps from a hammer easily dislodged the door, and the cashier removed four thousand dollars in bank notes, which lay within easy reach of the robbers.

The police assisted by railroad detectives have arrested twenty two men in this city in connection with the attempted robbery. Complete sets of burglars' tools, including besides revolvers, flashlights, jimmies, wedges and dynamite cartridges were found in possession of some of the men. Among the men arrested were James King, of Norfolk, Va., John Collins, of Wilmington, N. C., and Charles Knorr, of Alexandria, Va. The police think they have captured a dangerous gang.

NAN PATTERSON'S TRIAL.

Jury Chosen and the State Opens Its Case as at Former Trial.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The two jurors necessary to complete the panel in the trial of Nan Patterson for the murder of Caesar Young, were chosen this afternoon and Assistant District Attorney Rand at once began his opening statement. Miss Patterson was the only woman in the court room when the prosecutor opened, women having been excluded by order of the court.

Mr. Rand practically repeated the charges he made at the former trial which was brought to a sudden end by the illness of a juror.

— License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Miss Essie Lee Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Owens, and Mr. J. D. Biggs; all of Wilmington.

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ANNUAL FIGHT ON THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Begun in the House During Its Consideration of the Legislative Appropriation Bill.

BRIEF SESSION IN SENATE.

Appointment of Crum, the Colored Collector of Charleston, Brought Up by Senator Tillman—Adjournment Taken Until Monday.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The Senate held only a short session today and adjourned until Monday. During the open session an attempt to secure consideration of the Pure Food bill was defeated by a demand of Mr. Aldrich that the bill be read at length, which brought an objection from Mr. Tillman, who did not want the time consumed.

Mr. Tillman brought the case of William D. Crum, the colored man named for collector of Charleston, S. C., into prominence by asking for a report from the Committee on Judiciary as to the status of recent appointments, such as that made in Crum's case in the first and second sessions of the present Congress.

Responding, Mr. Platt said that the resolutions had failed to receive consideration during the past session, because of the the illness of Senator Hoar, the then chairman of the committee. He promised to bring the matter up at the next meeting of the committee.

"Has the committee power to refuse to make a report when under instructions from the Senate to do so?" Mr. Tillman asked, but before Mr. Platt could make reply, Mr. Spooner responded with another question which was directed to Mr. Tillman. He asked the South Carolina senator whether the resolution carried a time limit, to which the senator replied in the negative. He added the conviction that it would be "possible to stir the matter up occasionally in the Senate, even though no report should be made."

After the colloquy between Mr. Tillman and Mr. Spooner, Mr. Platt said that he did not feel called upon to answer a hypothetical question as to the powers of a committee. He could only promise at this time to ask the committee to consider the resolution, and if it should take action and that action should not suit the purposes of the senator from South Carolina that senator could of course follow any line of action which might commend itself to him.

Replying, Mr. Tillman said that he did not intend to make any factitious opposition to the Crum nomination for the purpose of thwarting the will of the President, but that he felt called upon to antagonize confirmation until the committee report could be received.

House of Representatives.

The annual fight on the civil service commission was begun in the House to-day during consideration of the legislative appropriation bill. The opposition came from Messrs. Bartlett of Georgia, Hepburn of Iowa, and Grosvenor of Ohio.

The legislative bill was scrutinized carefully in consonance with the President's recommendation against extravagance. Mr. Bingham, in charge of the bill, was required constantly to explain some particular appropriation. The pay of the stenographers to committees of the House was reduced from $5,000 per annum to $3,000 and the House refused to accept the provision increasing the pay of the secretary to the Civil Service Commission. But little progress was made on the bill.

The provision appropriating the salary for a janitor to the House Committee on Library met with some Democratic opposition, led by Messrs. Bartlett of Georgia, Maddox of Georgia and Clark of Missouri, and precipitated a discussion by the opposition generally. The latter said there were many supernumerary officials around the House who ought to be gotten rid of. The President's message, he said, had urged economy, and Mr. Clark contended that if the House was going to economize the best place to commence was the House itself.

In a few vigorous remarks, Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, defended the appropriations committee in the preparation of the bill. He replied to a criticism by Mr. Maddox that the members had not had sufficient time to examine the printed bill, by saying that even if the members were given a week to examine it they would "come in here as ignorant as a man from Porto Rico."

He lamented the fact, however, that bills appropriating millions of dollars should be hurried through in fifty two days. "This hurried legislation ought to stop," he declared. Congress, he suggested, ought to meet in May and thus give a decent time to the legislation of the country. When the first of December was fixed he said, there were not 20,000,000 people to legislate for, but now there were 89,000,000.

The paragraph relating to the civil service commission elicited from Mr. Maltox, of Georgia, severe criticism because of a proposed increase of 23 employes to constitute the rural carrier examining board. He declared there was no necessity for them and that it was the duty of this Congress to retrench if the statement of the secretary of the treasury be true. "God knows," he said "I want this government to stand and be able to pay its debts without issuing bonds or raising additional taxes.

This utterence brought from Mr. Littauer, of New York, an endorsement of Mr. Maddox's retrenchment ideas, but he said the case in point happened to be one of the osw liems of the bill where retrenchment was brought about by the action of the committee, because the twenty-three clerks referred to already were at work by detail from other offices.

The discussion shifted to the question of the salary of the secretary of the commission. The commission had increased this from $2,500 to $3,000, but an amendment by Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, putting it back to the former amount, was adopted.

Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, offered an amendment to strike out the appropriation for the commission, and in bitter terms denounced the civil service commission. He was not, he said, opposed to a proper civil service, but he declared, in comparing the old spoils system with the present merit system, the civil service was not being improved. It was not, he said, as good as it was twenty years ago. It was constantly deteriorating, becoming every year more and more of an expense and less efficient.

Mr. Gillett, of Massachusetts, defended the commission.

After Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, had offered a suggestion that it would be an improvement over the present system to fix a certain period for which an employe should serve the government, Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, referred to a package of papers which had come to him to-day from a rural carrier who had been propunded certain questions by the commission as to whether or not he had used his influence in behalf of the election of President Roosevelt in the Ohio campaign and whether or not on a certain day he had turned over his route to his substitute and went to the polls and worked for the Republican ticket. "Now, think of holding up a poor devil of a rural carrier like that. The man had simply gone to the polls and voted."

In jocular vein, Mr. Williams directing his remarks to Mr. Grosvenor, said he had been wondering if Mr. Grosvenor could punish the House with such a hard luck story out in Ohio, because if a fellow had shown political activity in the case of President Roosevelt what might possibly have happened had he shown political activity in behalf of Mr. Parker. This reference to Judge Parker produced considerable laughter on both sides of the chamber.

"The indications are" replied Mr. Grosvenor, which caused a renewal of laughter, "there were a great many of them terrified."

"From the numerousness of their scarcity at the polls," responded Mr. Williams, amid more laughter, "I imagine a great many of them must have been terrified. Whether through the rural free delivery service or in some other way, I shall not undertake to say."

He was inclined he said to agree with Mr. Hepburn and said that the old spoils system was as good as the "Chinese system" now in vogue. He favored the appointment of men to office who were in sympathy with the party in power.

The bill was laid aside and the House adjourned until to-morrow.

FAMILY MURDERED AND THEIR BODIES CREMATED.

Father, Mother and Two Daughters Horribly Butchered in Their Home at Trenton, S. C—No Clue

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 8.—A special to the Chronicle from Edgefield, S. C., says:

A crime was committed at Trenton last night similar to the Statesboro affair, if the generally accepted theory be true that the victims were first murdered before the house was fired. At 5 o'clock this morning the residence of B. B. Hughes, centrally located in the town, was discovered on fire. Neighbors rushed to the scene, but the fire had progressed so far that entrance to the house was impossible. At once inquiry was made as to the whereabouts of the inmates, it being thought that they had made their escape in their night clothes. As soon as the fire had died down sufficiently the charred and almost unrecognizable bodies of the entire family, consisting of Mr. Hughes, his wife, Eva, and two young daughters, Emmie, aged 19, and Hattie, aged 16, were discovered. Mr. Hughes body lay near the door leading from his room to the hall with a bullet hole through the upper part of his head. A pistol with one empty chamber lay near by. Part of his charred clothes were on his person, showing that he was dressed at the time he met death. The body of his wife was on the bed, while those of the young ladies were similarly laid. The skulls of those three were crushed as if hit by an axe or some blunt instrument. Their bodies when found occupied a most natural position, with nothing to indicate a struggle, showing that they had been struck and done to death while asleep. The news spread like wildfire and soon the entire surrounding country was on the scene.

Under the direction of Solicitor Thurmond a corner's jury was empannelled, but as yet no testimony has been taken, it being thought best to await further developments. It was said that three tracks were discovered leading up from the field to the house. The county bloodhounds were secured and put on the trail, but this effort has availed nothing. The affair is veiled in mystery.

Every external evidence shows that the family were all killed before the house was fired. One theory is that the house was entered for the purpose of robbery, that upon being discovered the robbers accomplished the murders and fired the house. Excitement runs high, but nothing rash will be done. Upon the request of Solicitor Thurmond, Governor Heyward has offered a reward for the apprehension of the guilty parties.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 8.—Hughes was a merchant and farmer, supposed to be prosperous. There is no reason known why he should have been murdered, as he was on good terms with the white and colored people of the community. The surrounding conditions all point strongly to Hughes as the murderer of his entire family and to his subsequent suicide.

Bloodhounds were brought to the scene, but could find no trail and in the absence of a motive those who held to the theory of murder could not solve the mystery. There was no sign that anybody had left the house after the fire started.

The charred remains were placed in coffins and taken this afternoon to the Baptist church of the village, where to-morrow a quadruple funeral will be held. The town is quiet.

EXCISEMAN BURNS.

The Way an Old Woman Outwitted the Scotch Poet.

A story is told about Burns in his capacity of exciseman. Old Jean Davidson kept a small whisky shop and was suspected of putting more fresh water into her liquor than was needful or lawful. Burns accordingly came with his apparatus and at once detected the irregularity. "Now, Jean, ma woman," he said, "I canna tak this to Dumfries this night; 'tis ower late. But I'll seal it wi' the king's seal and return to lift it in the mornin'." When he had gone to his lodging Jean fetched the village cooper, who removed a hoop from the barrel and bored a hole, through which the adulterated liquor was drawn off and stuff of regulation strength put in. Then the hoop was refixed, and Jean, with a brave heart, awaited the gauger. In the morning up came Burns to claim the keg. "One minute, Mr. Burns," said Jean sweetly. "Ye might jest test that whisky to convince me, since I canna see how I could have been makin' sic a mistake." "It means breaking the king's seal," said Burns, "but I'll just fix on another." So the sample was taken and tested and of course found to be all right. Burns was bewildered. "Was there aught wrang wi' me, Jean, last nicht?" he asked. "Weel, Mr. Burns, 'tis na for me to say. Weel, I just thocht ye were fully smert wi' your wee tester."

Her Idea of It.

Mrs. Noorich—That picture's one of the old masters'.

Norah (the new maid)—Well, it can't be of any value, ma'am, or sure he'd 'av' taken it wid him whin he moved.—Harper's Magazine.

For Good.

Maud—I understand you are about to lose the young pastor that has been preaching for you the last year or two?

Mabel—Yes. He's going to be married next week.—Chicago Tribune.

MRS. CHADWICK IN CELL AT THE TOMBS

Held in Default of $15,000 Bail After Arraignment in U. S. Commissioner's Court.

WILLING TO GO TO CLEVELAND

Charge of Forgery Likely to be Made Against Her Based on the Carnegie Notes and Other Papers Given as Security for Loans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick is to-night occupying one of the scantly furnished cells in the Tombs. After a fruitless search all day for bail, her attorneys gave up the fight to-night and Philip Carpenter, her chief counsel, stood in the corridor of the Federal building at 9 o'clock when United States Marshal Henkel threw open the double doors of his office and led the woman out on her way to prison.

Mrs. Chadwick was wan, tired and almost fainting. She made her way across the hall to the elevator leaning heavily on the marshal's arm and that of her son Emil. Behind them came her nurse, Freda Swenson, and Deputy Marshal Kennedy. The party passed through a double row of curious people to a carriage which was in waiting on the Broadway side.

They were driven directly to the Tombs. Arriving there Mrs. Chadwick was half carried up the steps and into the building. Warden Flynn met the party and after the usual preliminaries had been attended to the woman asked permission to have her nurse remain with her. This was denied, the warden saying that she should have no privilege not allowed other prisoners.

Mrs. Chadwick gave a hand-bag and a few trinkets to the nurse and whispered some instructions to her son. Marshal Henkel formally turned his prisoner over to the warden and she was taken to the matrons room. She asked to say good night to her son and the lad eagerly rushed to his mother and wrapping his arms about her, gave her a long embrace. Then she was led away to the inner office where her pedigree was taken and she was assigned to a cell.

The son and nurse entered a carriage and were driven to a hotel. While lying on a couch in the United States marshal's office awaiting a bondsman, Mrs. Chadwick, for the first time since her name has been before the public, consented to talk for publication and gave the representative of the Associated Press a statement in which she denied relationship to Mrs. York, of San Francisco, who gave out an interview to-day telling of the earlier life of Mrs. Chadwick.

In justice to her son, Mrs. Chadwick said she would not make a statement about "this Madame de Vere business" at the present time, but promised that later Madame de Vere's whereabouts and everything else in connection with this case will be shown.

Mrs. Chadwick also told of the Wade Park and Oberlin bank matters. Referring to the failure of the latter institution she said: "I would not like to live a minute if I did not think I could pay these poor people back."

When asked concerning Andrew Carnegie's connection with her financial affairs, she declined absolutely to talk, referring her interviewer to her counsel.

This has no doubt been one of the most momentous days in Mrs. Chadwick's history. It commenced with her early departure from her hotel for the Federal building and ended with her incarceration in the Tombs.

In the interval she had been arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields and held in $15,000 bail, which she was unable to furnish. All day long lawyers representing her interests had sought in every quarter for some one owning real estate in Manhattan who would sign her bond and the marshal had, out of sympathy for the woman, kept her in his office hours after she should have been removed. The endeavors of the lawyers were unsuccessful, rendering her imprisonment necessary.

To add to her cup of woe, it was learned to-night that a charge of forgery would very likely be made against the woman in Ohio, based on the Carnegie notes and other papers given as securities for loans.

Efforts to get bail will continue to-morrow, although Mrs. Chadwick expressed the desire to-night to go to Cleveland as soon as possible. She said she would go there voluntarily were it not for the contrary advice of counsel.

Mrs. Chadwick dined at 7 o'clock to-night in Marshal Henkel's office, under conditions in strange contrast to the manner in which she lived at the New York hotels. Her dinner consisted of an orange, a ham sandwich and a piece of cake, brought to her by her son from a Broadway lunch counter. She lay on a hard leather couch in a room filled with desks, chairs and file cases. A deputy marshal stood watch while her nurse took the meagre lunch from a paper bag and peeled the orange. Emil sat by in silence and ate a few bites of a sandwich and the nurse dried her tears long enough to taste the lunch counter fare.

The three unfortunates had nothing to say to each other. Occasionally Mrs. Chadwick sobbed and the faithful nurse leaned over her mistress and smoothed the gray hair. Mrs. Chadwick's face was much inflamed, her eyes were red and her hands trembled violently as she pushed away the remains of the food and motioned Freda to give her a pile of evening papers which lay on a chair near the couch. She picked the papers up one by one and between sobs gave the first pages a hasty glance. After she had run through the lot she selected one which seemed to interest her especially and began reading it with great care. But the strain seemed too great. She burst into tears and the slight boy, who seemed cool under all the excitement, hastened to his mother's side and quieted her with kisses. Thus the sad trio waited the announcement of Mrs. Chadwick's counsel that she must go to jail because surely for $15,000 could not be had.

Representative Sherman, of New York, has introduced in the House a bill identical with that introduced by Senator Platt in the Senate, reducing the representation of Southern States in Congress.

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— Mr. J. T. Cumber is still confined to his home, No. 311 Cottage Lane, by illness, but is improving some.

BELL FOUNDING.

It Is an Ancient Art, Its Origin Shrouded in Antiquity.

The art of bell founding is undoubtedly of great antiquity. The Saxons are known to have used bells in their churches, although probably but small ones, for the Venerable Bede, writing at the end of the seventh century, alludes to them in terms which seem to show that they were not unfamiliar things. The towers of the Saxon period have belfries of considerable dimensions in most cases, and at Crowland abbey, in south Lincolnshire, there was a famous peal of seven bells many years before the Normon conquest.

The monks at that time and for long after were the chief practitioners of the art of bell founding. Their bells were rarely without inscriptions, often in Latin, containing perhaps some obscure joke, the point of which is quite lost. More often they were of a religious nature, sometimes, we fear, not unmixed with a dash of superstition, as—when the bell declares that its sound drives away the demons of the air who caused pestilence and famine, lightning and thunderstorms.

As a rule, unfortunately, they put no dates on their bells, a defect which has been in some measure overcome by the researches of many enthusiastic campanologists, but which is likely to keep the early history of bells shrouded in darkness for a long time to come.—Gentleman's Magazine.

A Remarkable Statue.

Some years ago a melodrama was being performed in a country theater, the chief actor in which had made himself, from his haughty and overbearing conduct, disliked by all. In the last scene he was supposed to visit the tombs of his ancestors. In the center of the stage upon a marble pedestal stood the statue of his father. A heavy fold of drapery covered the figure. Enter Albert, who thus addressed the statue:

"I am here once again to gaze upon those features which in life so often looked on me with tenderest affection. Father, thy mourning son now comes to pay thee adoration. Let me remove the veil which from the vulgar gaze shields the beloved image of a once dear parent!"

Off went the drapery, and, behold, the father stood upon his head! The effect cannot be described. It was electric. The shouts of laughter which followed the mistake of the super effectually put an end to the scene, which changed to the next as quickly as possible amid the jeers of the audience, the anger of the manager and the uncontrollable rage of the actor.—London Tit-Bits.

Feared a Separation.

Her father had read her the parable of the sheep and the goats at the day of judgment. She made no comment, but that night a sound of weeping came from her room. Her mother went as consoler.

"Why are you crying, dear?"

"About the goats. Oh, I'm so afraid I'm a goat."

"Why, no, dearie. You are a sweet little lamb, and if you should die tonight you would go straight to heaven." With this and like assurance she was finally pacified.

The next night the same performance was repeated, and again her mother inquired the reason.

"It's the goats. I'm afraid about the goats."

"Didn't I tell you, dear, that you were a little lamb?"

"Oh," she sobbed, "I'm not crying about myself, but I'm 'fraid you may be a goat!"—Brooklyn Life.

Odd Hair Styles.

Some of the New Hebrides people do their hair up in a bunch on the top of the head and stain it yellow, while the inhabitants of Ombai island pass it all through a tube so as to make a kind of plume. The Marquesas chief's favorite method is to shave all the head except two patches, one over each temple, where he cultivates two horns of hair. No doubt this is to render him more a thing of terror to his enemies than of admiration to his friends. His reason for shaving the rest of the head is to allow more space for tattooing, as if all the available skin of the body were not enough.

Not Yet.

"They're saying you're just like all the other members of the house," remarked the newly elected legislator's close friend. "They say you have your price."

"That's a lie," declared the new member.

"I thought so."

"Yes. I haven't got it yet, but I have hopes."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

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